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TIMELINE FOR UPDATING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS ON EPC DECEMBER AGENDA

DES MOINES — The timeline for updating state water quality standards will be on the Environmental Protection Commission's agenda for Dec. 20.

The commission will meet Monday at 10 a.m. in Room 116 of the State Capitol Building in Des Moines. Public participation is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The DNR's water quality staff will present basic concepts that will guide updates to state water quality standards to meet federal requirements of the Clean Water Act. Specific topics will include the timeline and scope of work for modifying standards for low flow streams, protecting state waters from degradation, and developing stream use designations.

In other action, commissioners will be asked to approve funding for 17 solid waste alternatives programs.

The agenda is as follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Director's Remarks
- Proposed Rule: Major New Source Review Rules: Chapters 20, 22, 31 and 33

- Solid Waste Alternatives Program – Recommendations
- Proposed Rule: Chapter 53, Protected Water Source
- Progress Report for Modifications to Chapter 61, Water Quality Standards
- Proposed Contested Case Decision – Marty McDermott
- Referrals to the Attorney General
- Monthly Reports
- General Discussion
- Items for next month's meeting

More information about the agenda items can be found on the DNR Web site under Commissions and Boards at www.iowadnr.com.

The members of the commission are Darrell Hanson, chair, Manchester; Kathryn Murphy, LeMars; Terrance Townsend, Newton; Lisa Davis-Cook, West Des Moines; Lori Glanzman, Mt. Pleasant; Jerry Peckum, Jefferson; Heidi Vittetoe, Washington; Francis Thicke, Fairfield; and Donna Buell, Spirit Lake. The director of the DNR is Jeff Vonk.

For more information, contact Karen Grimes, at (515) 281-5135.

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COMMERCIAL MANURE APPLICATOR TRAINING OFFERED JANUARY 5

DES MOINES – Commercial manure applicators should plan to attend a training session offered in many local Extension offices on Jan. 5 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Iowa State University Extension offers the live satellite downlink sessions to fulfill the three-hour training requirement for commercial manure applicators to become certified as required by law.

Applicators should pre-register for the training sessions with their local participating Extension offices. More than 70 Extension offices will host sessions.

Those who attend will be able to ask questions of each of the trainers. Topics offered this year include state regulations for manure application, including recordkeeping requirements; new weight restrictions for equipment; and land application issues involving equipment and hydrogen sulfide emissions during pumping.

Currently certified manure applicators and managers must attend a training session or pass a test to renew their certificates before they expire on March 1.

Testing sessions are offered by the DNR during January and February. Please pre-register with a DNR field office to ensure an available spot.

Forms and fees, including an annual business license fee, are due on or before March 1 or a late fee applies.

For more information and a list of training and testing locations, check the Extension Web site at <http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/immag/mac.html>.

For more information, contact Jeff Prier at 712-262-4177.

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RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP ESTABLISH NONPROFITS

DES MOINES —Environmental and conservation organizations seeking to become nonprofit groups have a number of resources available to help them.

Drake University and the University of Iowa both offer individual assistance to environmental and conservation groups interested in becoming nonprofit organizations.

A full listing of resources to assist groups in establishing a nonprofit status for environmental protection or enhancement is available on the DNR's Web site at www.iowadnr.com/legal/.

These resources include:

Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center
Richard Koontz, coordinator
Iowa City
(866) 500-8990 (toll-free)
<http://nonprofit.law.uiowa.edu>

Jerry Anderson, professor
Drake University Law School
Des Moines
(515) 271-2658

Drake University Legal Clinic
Suzanne Levitt, director
Des Moines
(515) 271-3851

The following books are available on loan from the DNR at the Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th St., Des Moines:

- “Legal Guide for Nonprofits”
Edited by Richard Koontz
- “Handbook for Starting a Successful Nonprofit”
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

For more information, contact Ed Tormey at (515) 281-8973 or Linda Hanson at (515) 281-5377.

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DNR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

DES MOINES — The DNR took the following enforcement actions between October and November 2004, unless otherwise noted. Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the charges or 60 days to pay the penalty. The following are only briefs; please contact Jessie Rolph of the DNR for more information at (515) 281-5131.

- Oak Hill Marina, Inc., of Arnolds Park, was ordered to stop improper disposal of solid waste, to properly dispose visible and buried demolition debris at a Milford site, to comply with federal asbestos requirements and pay a \$10,000 penalty. The order is in regard to the demolition of an Oak Hill Marina building and disposal of the demolition waste north of Milford. The order has been appealed.
- O-C Trailers, Inc., of Orange City, was ordered to stop open burning, to properly dispose solid waste and to pay a \$2,000 penalty. The order is in regard to a site in Sioux County.
- Dean Mangrich, of Fairbank, was ordered to pay a \$1,500 penalty. The order is in regard to failure to timely submit a manure management plan for a site in Bremer County.
- Keith Kruse, of Everly, was ordered to submit all information necessary to complete a manure management plan (MMP), including all required fees, and to pay a \$1,500 penalty. The order is in regard to failure to timely submit an MMP for a site in Clay County. The order has been appealed.
- Greg Gerber, of Rock Valley, was ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fee, and pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regard to failure to timely submit an MMP for a site in Lyon County.
- Dean Pedersen, of Laurens, was ordered to submit an updated manure management plan (MMP) and fee, and pay a \$750 penalty. The order is in regard to failure to

submit an MMP and fee for a facility in Pocahontas County.

- Elery, Allen, Mel and Ron Fry, all of Moravia, were ordered to cease illegal disposal of solid waste, remove all illegally disposed waste on the property and provide documentation of proper disposal, and pay a \$10,000 penalty. Elery Fry and Allen Fry were ordered to pay a \$6,000 penalty, plus at least \$14,820 in interest, assessed from a 1999 administrative order. This order was taken in April.

For more information, contact Jessie Rolph at (515) 281-5131 or Jessie.Rolph@dnr.state.ia.us.